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First ever under Star of David

Israeli freighter sails rough Suez Canal

April 30 (Agencies)—The Israeli freighter *Asdod*, sailed through the Suez Canal in a 32-vessel convoy and became the first ship ever to sail through the canal under Israeli flag.

The ship was escorted by patrol boats of the Egyptian Canal Authority. The freighter docked at Port Tawfik, at the entrance of the canal. It will arrive at Port Said tonight then heads back to Suez.

The ship's arrival at Port Said was greeted by a large crowd of people. The ship's captain, Captain Carol Menzies, said the ship was the first Israeli ship to pass through the canal since the 1967 war. He said the ship was carrying a large amount of cargo, including oil and grain.

another memorial—the burned out hulk of an Israeli tank.

The Israeli freighter was realising a right sought by the Israelis since their state was formed 30 years ago.

Twice in the past three decades Israel captured the east bank of the canal, in 1956 and 1967. But the Israelis never managed to clear away the blocks left in the water by Egypt.

Only when the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty came into effect last week did the canal become officially available for vessels sailing to and from Israel.

For Israeli merchants living in the commercial heartland of the country and trading with the Far East, the canal could bring major benefits. For other Israelis, particularly those in the arid south, the canal could mean heavy losses.

With free movement through the canal to Israeli flags, Israeli businessmen in the centre of the country dealing with the Far East would prefer to ship their cargoes through the canal directly to or from Ashdod and Haifa on the Mediterranean.

This way, rather than off-loading the merchandise in Eilat and transferring it over 400 kilometres of the rough Naqurah terrain, dealers would save both time and money.

Such conditions could drastically reduce the amount of cargo going through Eilat and confine it to phosphate shipments from the Dead Sea area on their way to African and Asian ports.

One installation that will continue to prosper is the oil pipeline from Eilat to Ashdod on the Mediterranean. As the canal is too narrow for giant tankers to move through, owners will continue to transfer the oil through the pipeline rather than make the voyage around the Cape of Good Hope.

Free Israeli movement in the Suez Canal will undoubtedly solve many problems for the Israelis but the loss of jobs it threatens to cause could lead to new economic and social difficulties.

Dubai ruler named UAE prime minister

ABU DHABI, April 30 (R)—Dubai ruler Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al Maktum today began consultations to form a new government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), replacing the one headed by his son, the official Emirates News Agency (WAM) said.

The appointment of Sheikh Rashid was part of a Kuwaiti mediation plan to end political discord among the UAE leaders. Political sources said the new cabinet was unlikely to differ much from the outgoing administration of Sheikh Maktum bin Rashid Al Maktum, who tendered his cabinet's resignation six days ago.

Sheikh Maktum will continue in office until his father announces his cabinet later this week, according to the agency.

The UAE Supreme Council, comprising the rulers of the seven Gulf Emirates, appointed the new prime minister who will remain the UAE vice-president.

A two-hour special meeting of the council today was chaired by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan, the UAE president and ruler of Abu Dhabi.

Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid, whose states are the richest in the UAE, have been at odds over ways to cement bonds among the federated states.

Sheikh Rashid boycotted last month's meetings of the Supreme Council, which had been summoned for the first time in three years to discuss a joint memorandum outlining the steps for strengthening the federation.

The document, prepared by the cabinet and the federal council (parliament), called for greater integration in the federation, including the abolition of state boundaries and a permanent constitution.

King gives speech on Labour Day



AMMAN, April 30 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein will tomorrow address the nation on the occasion of International Labour Day at a rally to be held at the Palace of Culture.

In his address, the King is expected to discuss the role of the labour force in the country's progress and outline the principles upon which Jordan's stand is based.

Turkey steps up martial law to prevent May Day violence

ANKARA, April 30 (R)—Turkey's armed forces today stepped up their enforcement of martial law regulations in major cities to prevent any May Day violence by left and right wing extremists.

The authorities have effectively banned any public commemoration of May Day, with curfews lasting up to 29 hours, and tension throughout the country was running high.

Troops and para-military police increased their patrols following calls by some left wing trade union leaders for workers to defy martial law and hold May Day rallies.

In Istanbul, where the martial law commander has slapped a 29-hour curfew to keep people off the streets, three more left wing union leaders were detained last night after calling for May Day celebrations.

Seven other leaders of the same trade union grouping, the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DISK), including its chairman Abdullah Basturk, were arrested two days ago for the same reason.

Under martial law, in force in Istanbul, Ankara and 11 other provinces since last December and extended to six more eastern provinces last week, all open air gatherings are banned.

Ankara's martial law commander, Gen. Nihat Ozer said today the armed forces had arrested about 500 people in the capital over the past two days for plotting terrorist attacks. He warned citizens not to join in any

crowds tomorrow and to keep away from main squares where troublemakers might gather. Tension was highest today in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city with a population of more than three million, where all but a few people such as doctors have been forbidden to leave their homes between midnight tonight and 5 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Wednesday.

The curfew looked certain to create havoc among travellers arriving in or leaving Istanbul. The announcement said all vehicles would be searched in the city and the surrounding areas during the curfew period.

Anyone travelling through the city to the harbour, railway station or airport would be allowed to do so provided they could show their passport and ticket. But those arriving in Istanbul by sea would have to stay on board their vessel until the end of curfew and travellers arriving by car would be kept outside the provincial borders until then, the announcement said.

Rail and air schedules will not be affected but arriving passengers may be kept at the rail station or airport "until arrangements are made" for them to go on to hotels or other destinations.

The martial law command statement warned people that troops had orders to shoot if anyone ignored an order to halt or approached a soldier closer than 30 metres without permission.

Callaghan predicts 'catastrophe' if Conservatives come to power

LONDON, April 30 (R)—Britain's general election campaign toughened tonight with Prime Minister James Callaghan predicting a national catastrophe if the right-wing Conservative Party comes to power.

Three days before polling, the conservatives stepped up their warnings that left-wing extremists were taking over the ruling Labour Party.

Mr. Callaghan, speaking in the southeastern port of Chatham, said a conservative government would provoke confrontation which would lead to a wages freeze for all. If conservative leader Margaret Thatcher gained power, Britain would be on the road to "higher prices in the shops, fewer jobs, more strikes", he said.

Mrs. Thatcher launched her final drive to become Britain's first woman prime minister today and predicted she would score a splendid victory in the general election on Thursday.

With opinion polls still running in her favour, she told a press conference she would make no last-minute changes in strategy or policy.

Later she instructed party workers to keep hammering home her right-wing programme and make a special pitch for the "don't know" undecided voters who could still swing the election.

Mr. Callaghan, 67, also killed speculation he might soon hand over his post to a left-winger by declaring: "I shall not only wish to, but shall retain the leadership of the Labour Party for the lifetime of the next parliament."

The main election debate was centred on prices and trade union power. The conservatives, who yesterday staged a big rally of pro-Thatcher trade unionists, said they

Libyan delegation.

It said Iran and the Libyan Jamahiriya had agreed to coordinate their Middle East policies and condemned what they called Egyptian treason.

"Both countries consider the appeasement by Egypt and the protocol signed with Israel as a treachery to Muslims throughout the world and Palestine, and strongly condemn this treason," the statement said.

Egyptian Ambassador Aly Samir Safwat told Reuters he had not received any official notification. It appeared that formalisation of Ayatollah Khomeini's decision, together with the official reasons was only a matter of time.

Mr. Safwat said he paid a courtesy call this morning on the new foreign minister, Dr. Ibrahim Yazdi, just a few hours before Ayatollah Khomeini's decision was announced. He said he told Dr. Yazdi about Egyptian foreign

policy, including the protocol with Israel, but the Iranian minister did not comment on it or mention any break in relations.

In Cairo, an Egyptian foreign ministry spokesman denounced the decision by Ayatollah Khomeini and said the move was made because Iran was unable to "resist pressures from Arab rejectionists to adopt an anti-Egyptian policy."

Egypt was one of the last Arab countries to announce its recognition of the new Iranian government which toppled the Shah. President Sadat has also criticised the summary trials and executions of Iran's revolution and rejected calls by Muslim extremists in Egypt to create an Iranian-style Muslim state.

He told university professors on April 16 that "some today are exploiting religion. They want the state to be styled after Khomeini. Well, there is nothing easier. Summary trials and executions of 10 or 20 people a day."

Kuwaiti newspaper reports

Egypt places forces on alert after 'incident' with Libya

KUWAIT, April 30 (AP)—Egypt placed its armed forces on the alert following a recent incident involving an Egyptian submarine and a Libyan naval unit, the Kuwait daily Al Anhaa reported Monday.

Without giving details or sources for the report, Al Anhaa said in a dispatch from Cairo that the Egyptian government had accused East Germany of being behind the provocation involving the submarine. The incident occurred off the Egyptian Mediterranean coastal city of Salloum, the newspaper said.

Some 4,000 East German and Cuban military advisers are said to be attached to Libya's armed forces.

Following the naval incident, the report said, Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali presided over an emergency meeting of armed forces commanders at the Egyptian Technical Military Academy and a number of measures adopted "to face all eventualities."

One of the measures taken, Al Anhaa said, was a readiness manoeuvre by Egypt's third army. It was attended by high-ranking officers from Zaire and the Sudan, the newspaper reported.

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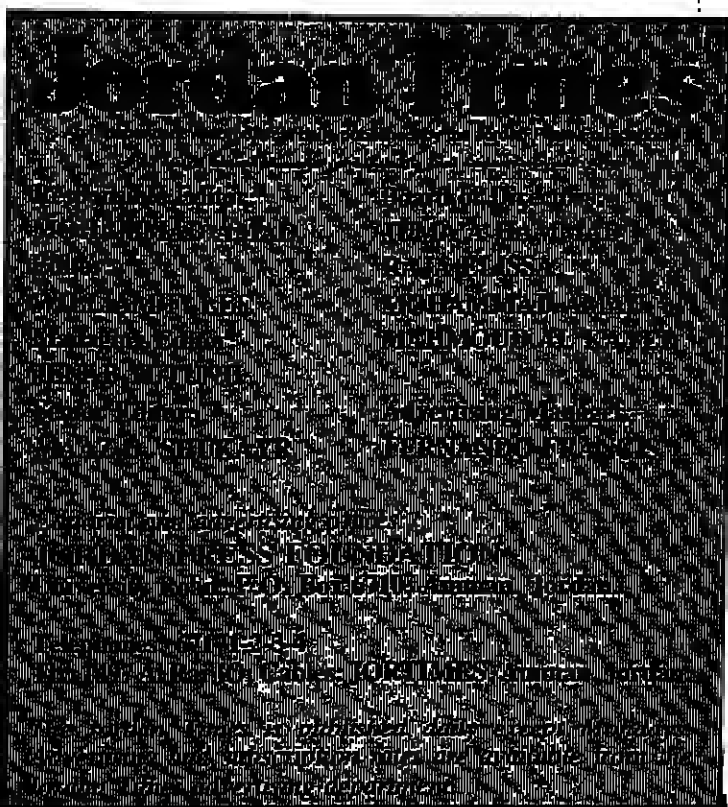
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Commander in Chief of the armed forces Sherif Zaid Ibn Shaker (front row left) explains military equipment to Prime Minister Mudar Badran Monday (front row third from left).

May Day

AS JORDAN'S workers take time off today to express solidarity with their working brethren around the world, they might stop and reflect on the fact that their position in society is more secure today than ever before because of several events which have occurred in the past year.

Foremost among these has been the creation and inauguration of the Social Security Corporation, which will channel workers' savings into comprehensive pension, insurance and unemployment schemes, as well as into investment in social projects which otherwise would go unfunded. Together with this, the new social security law protects workers' interests by regularising their relationship with their employers on a contract basis.

Another significant event has been a pledge by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to send experts to Jordan to help with the social security programme as well as with standardising Jordanian labour legislation in accordance with internationally accepted norms.

There have been other moves as well—in the area of wage and price guidelines, for example—which have had the effect of improving Jordan's labour climate.

All this would be significant for any country, but for Jordan, the special significance of these events hinges on this country's role as a principal manpower supplier of other states in the Middle East.

Skilled, trained manpower has long been Jordan's foremost national resource. Since 1974, much of this manpower has emigrated to work in the oil-producing states in the Arabian Peninsula, with the result that perhaps 25 or 30 per cent of the national workforce is working abroad. The professions have suffered most from this haemorrhage, notably engineers and teachers. To fill their places here at home, Jordan is in the ironic position now of having to import manpower from abroad.

The idea now is to make working conditions here in Jordan attractive enough to keep this country's talent at home. (In the meantime, however, Jordan has reached agreement with several of the labour importing countries in the Gulf to ensure that Jordanians workers there are amply paid and protected.)

All this will make Jordan's working environment one of the healthiest in the area. And that is something worth celebrating today.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

CRITICISING PRESIDENT SADAT for his recent address in which he talked about the victory achieved in the 1973 war, AL RA'Y says in its editorial Monday that Sadat should be the last one to talk about the glories of the 1973 war. For, by visiting Jerusalem and capitulating to the will of the "Zionist enemy", Sadat has transformed that victory into a defeat. In 1973 he could have crossed the borders and restored all the peninsula which would have prevented him later having to "lose face before Carter and Begin."

The October war, the paper says, was not intended to be a "war of liberation" as Syria, Jordan and Iraq thought it was. Actually, the paper says, it was a war aimed at "re-stirring up conflict in the area," in such a way as to create the conditions which would force the Arabs to accept the solutions which Israel wants.

For psychological reasons, the paper continues, Sadat does not like war, nor does he like victory. The Arabs, however, do not like war for the sake of war. At the same time they are not so weak as to concede their national rights.

The problem with Sadat is that he is seeking to cover up the real nature of his peace initiative; and the problem for the Arabs is that they have to bear everything that Sadat says, the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR hails the higher agricultural committee which recently held a meeting under Prime Minister Mudar Badran's chairmanship to find means of protecting agriculture in Jordan.

The paper says that despite Jordan's need to promote industrialisation, tourism and the service sector, the fact remains that Jordanians live basically on agriculture and farming. Hence, the paper continues, agriculture is not only a basic source of national income, but a guarantee of our country's food supply as well.

The paper further states that although Jordan is facing various agricultural problems such as poor marketing, lack of sufficient workers to work in agriculture, migration of farmers to live in urban areas, drought and the lack of water resources, it is pressing forward to find solutions to these problems using scientific methods.

The faculty of agriculture at the University of Jordan, the paper continues, is currently involved in scientific research aimed at producing an improved kind of wheat in Hushan and Al Rahba. It is also conducting research on insecticides, and experimenting with drought resistant plants in arid areas.

The paper believes that such activities are worthy of the government's support and encouragement.

In conclusion, the paper hopes that the higher agricultural committee on which citizens pin great hopes, will use its powers to further develop agriculture in Jordan.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Art

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of drawings and paintings by German children at the Haya Arts Centre. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Children's Films

The Goethe Institute presents a series of children's films at the Haya Arts Centre. The first film, showing Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., is "The Flying Classroom." The film is in German with Arabic subtitles. The second film is showing on Wednesday, also at 4:00 p.m. It is entitled "In Search of Lutz" and is in English.

ECWA to move its HQ to Baghdad

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA)—The Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) meeting in Baghdad has decided to transfer its temporary offices from Beirut to a permanent headquarters in Baghdad as of next September. Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani said on returning here today after chairing the opening session yesterday.

ECWA also has decided to recommend to the United Nations that Egypt's membership in ECWA be suspended because of the separate peace treaty it signed with Israel, Dr. Dajani said.

Among topics to be discussed at the current five-day ECWA meeting are economic developments in western Asian nations over the past two years, a plan of action for 1980/81, the establishment of sub-committees to deal with economic problems and measures to stop the encroachment of deserts and ECWA's annual report, Dr. Dajani said.

The delegation accompanying Dr. Dajani remained in Baghdad to take part in the meetings.

Jordan to aid West Bank Arab workers

AMMAN, April 30 (R)—Jordan is to take a series of measures in support of Arab workers in the occupied West Bank of Jordan, Labour Minister Issam Ajlouni said today.

Mr. Ajlouni did not elaborate in his statement to mark Labour Day but said workers in the West Bank

would soon face oppressive Israeli measures to break their steadfastness and their presence in their homeland.

The Jordanian government will continue to support all economic institutions in the West Bank to enable them to grow and provide additional jobs for more Arab workers, he added.

Coming & Going

Information minister returns

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) — Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh returned here yesterday after taking part in meetings of non-aligned nations on the coordination of information among them. During the three-day meeting held in Lome, capital of Togo, the delegates drew up a document which defines the principles for cooperation among non-aligned nations in the information field.

the Arab Mining Company, which is scheduled to hold a meeting in Tunis next month, will decide then whether to participate in these Tunisian plans.

Meteorological dept. director leaves for Geneva

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) — Director of the Meteorological Department Dr. Ali Abanda left for Geneva today to take part in the meetings of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) congress which start tomorrow. He said the congress, in which 150 countries are represented, will discuss a number of subjects in the course of planning the organisation's policy for the next four years, and will elect a new executive body and secretary general.

Arab Mining Co. director returns

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) — Director General of the Arab Mining Company Thabet Al Taher returned here today at the end of a week-long visit to Tunisia. He discussed with the Tunisian ministers of industry, energy and mining and finance as well as other officials and directors of mining companies the participation of the pan Arab Mining Company in various Tunisian mining schemes. Describing his talks as useful, Mr. Al Taher said that

Two new major power plants to be linked into unified national electricity network

By Rami G. Khouri

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN—More details are emerging of plans to build two new major power-generating projects in Jordan to serve the country's electricity needs until the year 2000.

With the 300 megawatt thermal power station at Zarqa nearing completion, planners at the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) are looking ahead to the next two decades. To meet anticipated demand, two new large power plants will be built at Aqaba, and at Qatana, 80 kilometres south of Amman, according to current projections, the JEA Planning Director and Department of Standards, Specifications and Regulations Manager, Dr. Ibrahim Badran, told the Jordan Times in an interview here this week.

The Aqaba power station will be fuelled by imported oil, and will have a capacity of around 300 MW. It will also probably have an allied desalination plant with a capacity of not less than 15-20 million gallons a day, but the precise specifications for both the power plant and the desalination unit will be determined by the economic feasibility of the scheme in view of the need to import oil for it.

A specialised consultant will be appointed by the end of this year to study the project. The target date for its coming into service is 1985.

"The Aqaba power plant is considered a firm project now, and we're going ahead with it," Dr. Badran said.

The existing small diesel power station that has been built along the southern coastal strip at Aqaba will in the meantime be expanded from its present capacity of 7 MW to 17.5 MW, by the addition of three more units of 3.5 MW power each. Tenders for this expansion project will be issued in early June, Dr. Badran said.

The other big new power project at Qatana is more complex, because it will be fuelled by vast quantities of shale oil that are available at Lajoun, about 17 kilometres west of Qatana.

The big new Aqaba power plant

will come into service in the mid-eighties, when Jordan's total installed electricity capacity will be around 750 MW, but the Qatana plant will be required to meet electricity demand into the 1990s.

The output of the Qatana plant will be 300-400 MW, and it would have to enter service around 1990. Two factors in its favour are its location in the centre of the country, and the fact that it would exploit the only known energy source (besides sunshine) that is available in large quantities in Jordan. (All other power plants in Jordan are powered by imported oil.)

Dr. Badran said preliminary studies indicate there are about 800 million tonnes of exploitable shale oil reserves at Lajoun, and "encouraging" chemical analysis shows the oil can be used to run a power station.

The shale rock contains a medium quantity of kerogen (which is the oil-bearing ingredient) and slightly high quantities of ash and sulphur, he said.

A technical Soviet delegation spent two weeks here in early April, and another Soviet team of geologists and hydrology and mining experts will return here within two months to conduct more detailed studies. The Soviet delegation's visit to Jordan materialised as a result of the official visit to the Soviet Union last year by Crown Prince Hassan.

The shale rock at Lajoun is located at a relatively shallow depth, making for an easy mining operation. But the JEA will have to decide whether the shale rock will be crushed and burned inside the power plant's furnace, or whether the oil will be extracted from the shale beforehand, and sent into the plant as liquid fuel to power the furnace. A large determining factor in choosing the technical process for the Qatana plant will be the relative amounts of water required.

The Soviet Union has a great deal of experience in exploiting shale oil for power plants, Dr. Badran said, which is why it has been asked to help Jordan investigate the Qatana project. But two unnamed British companies have also approached the JEA about exploiting the Qatana shale, and Dr. Badran stressed that the JEA is also open to discussions on the matter with any party which has proven experience in shale oil technology.

"We have a very keen interest in the Qatana project and we want to move as quickly as possible," Dr. Badran said, "but we cannot take irrational decisions, and we wish to solve all the technical and environmental problems before before deciding on the final details of the project."

The Qatana power plant will complete the national electricity grid to meet the country's demands until the beginning of the next century.

To distribute the electricity around the country, the JEA is also planning to build a distribution network that links the three big power plants into a unified national grid.

The present phase of the project involves laying down a 100-kilometre overhead transmission line from Qatana to Zarqa, and then down to Amman, and then to the Dead Sea area.

This is a 150-mile project being partly financed by a loan from the World Bank. The line would run north to Qatana, then west to Zarqa, and then south to Amman, and then to the Dead Sea area.

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Iraqi labour minister arrives for talks

AMMAN, April 30 (R) — Iraq and Jordan began talks here today on cooperation in the labour and social services fields.

An Iraqi delegation led by labour minister Baker Rasool Mahmoud Hussam arrived from Baghdad last night and began talks today with Jordanian Labour Minister Issam Ajlouni, who said there were many projects in Jordan to which Iraq could contribute financially.

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Iraqi fashion show zles Amman audience

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Jordan Times

130 -- The high-end social/cultural must surely have been held on Saturday evening. The presentation by the Al Iraqia (Iraqi) Society to raise funds for the recently opened old "Age Home". It's performance, a large, very audience drawn Amman's society, y their Majesties and Queen Noor, Mudar Badran r important offi- members of the city, headed by Mrs. Haifa Bashir, entrance to receive id Queen who del of the Golden fore taking their ic two-hour show. duction was given who explained the iety and thanked invaluable support vernment for pro- fre, Dar Al Azi- vus formed eight t of the Iraqi gov- game to revive Iraq's rich cultural end support to the various arts and y under the Minis- tion, the establi- longs to the Minis- ad Arts. Under the rial Kildar, the has built up a repu- in the Arab World ope and Japan for e costumes and the ation which is cer- it different from ashion parades. f the dresses mod- all, were inspired and artistic trad- om the age of the he present day. A n in Arabic and eed each period in ch costumes were

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On reaching the Islamic period the scenery changed to make way for a cluster of white and gold pointed domes from which were draped with white silk embroidered with gold Koranic script. Outstanding in this group of dresses were those inspired by the miniatures of Yahya al Wassili and which reflected the imagination of One Thousand and One Nights.

Moving closer to the present day, a selection of dresses made of cotton and wool were presented to demonstrate the importance of Iraq's textile industry. A selection of Jordanian bedouin-inspired dresses accompanied by the songs

of the late Jordanian folklore singer, Abdu Moussa, drew a heavy response from the audience.

Some of the dresses had taken over a year to make as the Jordan Times learned later from Ms Kildar who designed all the dresses herself. In spite of her artistry in designing and her detailed knowledge of history it was interesting to learn that she had not studied fashion design but politics and economics. The girls used as models, whose ages ranged from 17 to 25, besides learning to model in the Iraqi Fashion House had studied Iraq's history, folklore, music and dancing.



After the show, Ferial Kildar, director of the Iraqi Fashion House presents Queen Noor with a gift, a blue silk dress embroidered with Islamic motifs and Koranic script. None of the dresses were for sale since the fashion house keeps all costumes.



The end of the show with Ferial Kildar on the left receiving a bouquet.



Iraqi dresses clockwise from the top left: a tunic from the Babylonian period; a creation inspired by "One Thousand and One Nights"; a dress from the Islamic period; and a silk dress with arabesque designs.

South Korean construction minister arrives

AMMAN, April 30 (J.T. JNA) -- South Korean Minister of Construction Jee-il Ko arrived here today for a three-day official visit to Jordan at the invitation of Minister of Public Works Sa'id Bino.

During the visit Mr. Ko will hold talks on Jordanian-Korean cooperation in construction work and will review the progress of projects being carried out in Jordan at present in cooperation with South Korean firms. Among these projects are the irrigation and housing projects in northern and central regions of the Jordan Valley and the housing project for the Arab Potash Company near the southern end of the Dead Sea.

The Korean minister will also tour a number of development projects in Jordan before leaving for Kuwait on Wednesday.

Somali industry minister to deliver message to King

RAMTHA, April 30 (JNA) -- Somali Industry Minister, Mohammad Sheikh Othman arrived in Amman from Damascus via Ramtha border post today, heading a delegation on a two-day state visit to Jordan during which he will deliver a message to His Majesty King Hussein from Somali President Mohammad Siad Barri.

The letter deals with developments in the situation in the Middle East and the African Horn, the minister told JNA.

The minister also said that while in Jordan he will discuss with officials means of strengthening relations between Jordan and Somalia.

Symposium urges greater share in development for regions

SALT, April 30 (JNA) -- The two-day symposium organised by municipalities in the Balqa and Amman governorates concluded its activities today with a call for greater regional participation in development planning.

In the closing address, His highness Crown Prince Hassan emphasised that the social and economic needs of the regions should be incorporated in the next national development plan. He said that the provision of such services as supplying water, building roads and schools, and housing units, should form part of a comprehensive social development plan for the whole country. This would make it easier to secure funds for such projects and would ensure better distribution of income and of the benefits of development, he said.

The symposium issued recommendations for the development of rural areas, dividing large cities into smaller administrative sections and giving each section relative autonomy in the provision of

local services, and maintaining and improving water supply networks.

It proposed that neighbouring villages set up joint municipal services committees and recommended direct funding for joint municipal projects, such as schools, clinics, athletic facilities and irrigation projects serving small villages in proximity to each other, to assure success for such projects.

The symposium also called for the protection of water sources against pollution.

It urged the technical committee of the Amman Urban Regional Planning Group to consult with the parties concerned on the question of land use.

In his opening address to the symposium Saturday, Prince Hassan noted that about 91 per cent of Jordan's population lives in areas north of the city of Madaba. Agricultural lands in these areas are shrinking with the continuous building of houses at random, he said. Due care is not being given to the provision necessary public services for these new residential

areas, he added.

The Jordan Valley region, in comparison, is gradually attracting people as a result of regional planning for services. This will reduce the density of population in Amman and other areas and will alleviate economic and social pressures on them, the Crown Prince said.

Also speaking during the first session of the symposium, was Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub who said that the Municipal and Village Loan Fund is to be turned into a development bank which will grant loans to municipal councils throughout the country.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather is expected to be dusty. Temperatures will be warm as yesterday and winds are expected to reach near record levels. The winds will be moderate to fresh from the southeast blowing at 10-12 knots with frequent gusts up to 25-28 knots. Occasional gusts will reach 50-60 knots, approaching the highest recorded gusts of 70 knots. Accompanying the winds will be plenty of dirt and blowing dust. There will also be medium and high clouds. In Aqaba region similar winds will prevail with very dusty conditions. The sea will be rough.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	17	30
Aqaba	23	34
Deserts	17	32
Jordan Valley	22	34

National News Roundup

Jordan River bridges to close for two days

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- Both bridges across the Jordan River will be closed as of noon tomorrow and will be reopened on Thursday morning, the Public Security Directorate announced here today.

Premier visits army headquarters

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- Prime Minister Mudar Badran today visited Army headquarters and met with the Commander in Chief of the Jordanian armed forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the air force commander and the army chief of staff. The prime minister accompanied by Sharif Zaid, the Minister of Education, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, and the Minister of Communications, Dr. Sa'id Tal, later visited the royal maintenance corps where they met with its commander and were briefed on its activities and organisation.

Speaker briefs Upper House on Prague meet

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Baijat Talhouni briefed the house members at a meeting today on the outcome of the meetings of the council of the World Parliamentary Union which were held in Prague on April 15. The council had prepared the subjects to be discussed by the World Parliamentary Union during its September meeting in Venezuela and these included the Middle East situation and the problem of Palestine. Mr. Talhouni also briefed the house on the contents of messages he exchanged with the speaker of the Syrian People's Council on the meetings of the Arab parliamentary union.

Jordanian-Syrian Free Zone board meets at Der'a

DER'A, April 30 (JNA) -- The board of directors of the Jordanian-Syrian Industrial Free Zone Corporation started meetings here Sunday to discuss a number of subjects connected with a tender for carrying out the first phase of construction work at the free zone area on the Jordanian-Syrian border. The under secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and board chairman Dr. Hashem Dabbas who chairs the meetings said the first phase is expected to cost 26 million Syrian liras.

Meteorological training begins for 250

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- The Meteorological Department opened here today a training centre for weather forecasters. Some 250 trainees including six from the Yemen Arab Republic will receive training at the centre which follows training methods and programmes prepared by the World Meteorological Organisation.

Jordanian students in Saudi Arabia total 950

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- Jordan's cultural attaché to Saudi Arabia Mr. Mohammad Al Hiyari today disclosed that the number of Jordanian students receiving their higher education in Saudi Arabia totals 950 students, 250 of which are in the University of King Abdul Aziz in Jeddah; 145 at the Islamic University in Medina; 67 at the Petroleum and Minerals University in Dhahran; 22 at King Faisal University in Dammam; 352 at the University of Riyadh and 76 at the Islamic University of Mubamad Ibn Saoud in Riyadh. Mr. Al Hiyari also disclosed that there are eight thousand Jordanian teachers in Saudi Arabia, 500 of whom are loaned by Jordan's Ministry of Education to the Saudi government.

RSS solar energy training course ends

AMMAN, April 30 (JNA) -- A two-week solar energy training course which was held at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) for the benefit of Arab technicians was concluded today. The course touched on such subjects as the importance of solar energy, the principles of thermal pipes and their uses in desalinating sea water, heating and air conditioning. Participating in the course were technicians from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, the Yemeni Arab Republic and Jordan.

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osphate Mines	JD 1.000	739	—	2.230	2.220
inaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	385	—	23.000	22.650
unk	JD 1.000	174	1.160	—	1.160
wait Bank	JD 1.000	75	—	—	1.500
a Development and Co.	JD 1.000	3,380	2.600	—	2.600
ining Co.	JD 1.000	846	0.940	0.960	0.940
ctricity Co.	JD 1.000	731	1.410	1.430	1.420
amic Industries	JD 1.000	133	0.890	0.900	0.890
Commercial And	JD 1.000	3,085	—	2.800	2.750
al Co.	JD 10.000	2,793	10.020	—	10.050
es Manufacturing Co.	JD 10.000	9,100	91.500	92.750	91.000
man Bank	JD 5.000	1,459	6.850	6.950	6.850

me traded, Monday, April 30: JD 29,314
ber of shares traded: 5,788

Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
JD 5.000	75	15	1979	5.005
JD 5.000	85	17	1980	5.025
JD 10.000	780	75	1988	10.400
JD 10.000	2,397	235	1988	10.200

me traded: JD 3,337.
ber of shares traded: 342.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDER

China's table tennis teams look for titles

GYANGYANG, April 30 (R) — The Chinese men's and women's table tennis teams both bid for their third successive world titles here tomorrow when they play Hungary and North Korea in the finals of the world table tennis championships. China's men beat Czechoslovakia 5-2 in today's semi-finals and play European champions Hungary for the Swarthling cup. Hungary, who last won the cup in 1952, reached the final by defeating Japan 5-1. In the competition for the women's team trophy, the Corbillion cup, China had a comfortable 3-0 victory over the Soviet Union, but North Korea was pushed to five matches before defeating Japan 3-2.

In their semi-final with Czechoslovakia the Chinese men were only really troubled by Czechoslovak star Jindrich Pansky. Pansky scored a major upset by beating the world's number one ranked player Guo Yuehua 12-21, 21-18, 21-18, but Guo went on to wrap up the tie with his 21-14, 22-20 victory over Milan Orlovski. The other semi-final, between Japan and Hungary, was even more one-sided, with Seiji Ono, ranked 18th in the world, taking Japan's only match by beating third-ranked Gabor Gergely 21-18, 21-19.

Tomorrow's final will give China a chance to avenge their shock 5-2 defeat by the Hungarians in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The closest match of the day and the biggest attraction for the crowd in the 20,000-seat Pyongyong gymnasium was the contest between the Japanese and their own Korean women's team. The North Koreans won the first two matches, but the Japanese drew level and it was the darling of the crowd, world champion Pak Yung Sun, who took the decisive fifth match to give the tie to Korea. The crowd roared every home point as she beat Kayo Sugaya 21-17, 21-18. The other match ran according to form as China's world number three Ge Xini beat 18th-ranked Valentina Popova of the Soviet Union, 21-11, 21-14, fourth-ranked Zang Deying of China beat Liudmila Bakashutova 21-10, 21-15, and then the two combined to win the doubles 21-15, 21-13. Japan beat Czechoslovakia 5-3 to win the bronze medal in the men's team event at the world table tennis championships today. Japanese champion Norio Takashima led his team to victory by winning the first and final matches without dropping a

game. He beat Jindrich Pansky 21-14, 21-14, and then defeated Josef Dvořák 21-17, 21-18. Czechoslovakia, sixth in the last championships, finished fourth. Japan were runner's up to China in the 1977 world championships. Results of the fifth and final day of team competition for the men's Swaythling Cup and women's Corbillion Cup in the 35th World Table Tennis Championships here today are as follows: Corbillion cup (women), play for placings:

- Category a:
Romania beat England 3-1
- Category b:
Luxembourg beat New Zealand 3-1
Belgium beat Ireland 3-1
India beat Finland 3-1
- Category c:
Macao beat Ghana 3-0
Egypt beat Peru 3-0
Nigeria beat Cuba 3-0
Thailand beat Italy 3-1
Trinidad/Tobago beat Mexico 3-0
Ethiopia beat Jordan 3-0

Mets split doubleheader with Los Angeles

NEW YORK, April 30 (AP) — Richie Hebner drove in the go-ahead run with a single and Joel Youngblood smacked his fourth homer in six games to lead the New York Mets to a 6-3 night victory over Los Angeles in their doubleheader Sunday. In the opener, Baker drove in five runs with a homer, single and bases-loaded walk and Gary Thomasson had three RBI while Don Sutton scattered five hits in the Dodgers' 8-3 victory. It was Sutton's 208th career victory, one shy of the Dodger record held by Don Drysdale.

Swiss team wins in Austrian race

SALZBURG, April 30 (AP) — Rolf Biland and Kurt Waltisperg, the Swiss defending champions from Switzerland, won the sidecar category Sunday in the Grand Prix of Austrian motorcycle races. Some 150 competitors of 22 countries, among them the four

defending and eight former world champions, competed and 70,000 fans were on hand. The 4.24-kilometre track was dry and fast. Biland and Waltisperg clocked the 30 rounds in 47:22.62 minutes for an average speed of 161.12 kilometres per hour. Alain Michel and Stu Collins of France were ahead until three laps.

Frenchman wins in Spain

MADRID, April 30 (R) — Patrick Depailler led from start to finish to win the Spanish Formula One Grand Prix and give the French Ligier team its third victory of the motor racing season today. Depailler drove masterfully at the Jarama circuit north of Madrid and was never threatened during the 255 kilometres (159 miles) race. The Frenchman's victory, his second in Formula One racing took him joint top of the world drivers' championship on 20 points, level with Canadian Gilles Villeneuve of the Ferrari team.

Second was Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, driving last year's model Lotus. Teammate Mario Andretti of the United States, the reigning world champion and winner here in 1977 and last year, was third in a new Lotus 80. South African Jody Scheckter came fourth in a Ferrari and the Tyrrelles of Jean-Pierre Jarier and Didier Pironi were fifth and sixth. After five Grand Prix races, the leading world championship placings were as follows: first equal, Depailler and Villeneuve on 20 points, followed by Laffite and Reutemann on 18, Scheckter on 16, Andretti 12, Jarier 7. World Drivers Championship standings after Sunday's Jarama Grand Prix here:

- (Tie) Gilles Villeneuve, Canada, 20 points.
- Patrick Depailler, France, 20.
- (Tie) Jacques Laffite, France, 18.
- Carlos Reutemann, Argentina, 18.
- Jody Scheckter, South Africa, 16.
- Mario Andretti, U.S., 12.
- Jean-Pierre Jarier, France, 7.
- (Tie) John Watson, Britain, 4.
- Alan Jones, Australian RM
- Didier Pironi, France, 4.
- (Tie) Niki Lauda, Austria, 1.
- Emerson Fittipaldi, Brazil, 1.

Cubans and Americans qualify

HAVANA, April 30 (R) — The United States women's team and the Cuban men's team have qualified for the volleyball competition in the 1980 Moscow Olympics through their performances at the North American, Central American and Caribbean (Norcca) championships here. The U.S. team finished second in the women's competition with five wins and one loss. They were beaten by the Cuban women's side who, as world champions, already have the right to compete in the Olympics. Cuba won the men's title with six wins and no losses. The Norcca congress chose Canada as the venue for the 1981 championships.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1979

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The situation at home is tense, but if you focus on the practical, it will soon better itself. Talk matters over with a financial expert who can help you a great deal. Take no chances with credit.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You need advice in handling personal affairs, so seek an expert early. Evening time for being with congenials. Pay bills on time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle problems that you have early and then forget about them. A bigwig you know can give you backing that is most helpful to you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get rid of that martyrdom complex and busy yourself at the practical and get good results, become more affluent.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make a good impression on a bigwig by showing your particular talents and get backing you need. Show that you are conscientious in handling credit affairs. Make sure your records are correct.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Conditions around you are changing radically, so be sure to benefit from them. Get out to new places of recreation with good friends. Stay within your budget, though.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Although the situation does not seem favorable in business affairs, this is only the surface, so cheer up. Show more affection for loved ones this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can be benefited by new outlets, so be on the alert. Neighbors could be annoying, but a bigwig helps you out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A loved one may be irate and needs understanding. A debt could be troubling you but look to higher-ups and the government for aid.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more tactful in dealing with partners who are in a strange mood now. A close tie could prove difficult but it is due to some sort of pressure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have to persevere where your practical affairs are concerned and you get much done. Get into some hobby you like later that will take away that tired feeling.

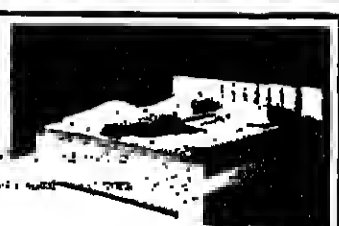
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take care you do not overspend for pleasure and take all the pleasure out of it. Work on special talents you possess and get good results.

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YOUR DAILY Ioroscope
the Carroll, Richter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: It would appear as though looking for something to complain about unless yourself firmly in hand and be on the alert for interesting projects rather than stirring up concern the past best left alone.

31 Mar. 21 to Apr. 19: Study the situation at home well and quickly. Not a good time to extend as to others. Keep busy at practical affairs and important studying.

US (Apr. 20 to May 20): Use care in taking care of correspondence matters. Listen carefully to others have to say. Show loved one you are devoted.

NI (May 21 to June 21): You wisely are preoccupied with monetary affairs now and can set up a more realistic budget that you can easily follow. A financial in of real help to you if you contact early.

CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Take care you y the blame for an error on another person. Apply art to personal problems and clear them up.

July 22 to Aug. 21: Problems have to be handled illy for best results and according to importance. forceful with loved ones. Take time to get data

Aug. 22 to Sept. 21: Know the true position of in your pattern of existence and rearrange your If you persevere, you find your personal life can ed by attaining a cherished goal.

Sept. 22 to Oct. 21: Be more willing to do y you think will improve your position within munity. Show that you are precise in handling atters.

PIO (Oct. 22 to Nov. 21): Be more alert to new pro could prove profitable to you and get into them, ur ability. Elevate your consciousness and add to r. Meet more interesting personalities.

FTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Be sure to keep to others and come to a better understanding m. Mate may be in an irritable mood, so keep econcile differences with a good friend.

ICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Be more cooperative associate who is feeling blue and work together elligently. A situation arises that needs to be nically.

ARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Make sure you where work is concerned and complete it on us free time for more important matters in the same time, could be helpful to you.

ES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Get into inexpensive ons and save money for future use when needed. st talents to work early and get good results. resting new personalities.

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What action do you take?

Q5—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A72 ♥A103 ♠74 ♠K9763
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South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A7 ♥10963 ♠QJ954 ♠84
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J1072 ♥KQ6 ♠K984 ♠KQ
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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THE Daily Crossword by Sidney L. Robbins

ACROSS

1 Bag or ball
5 Summer dish
10 Follows
14 Eastern VIP
15 "A Bell for —"
16 Desert nomad
17 Shine's pal
18 Guiding principle
19 Matur
20 Magician's forte
23 Blind part
24 Bus, youth group
25 Sound of sorrow

DOWN

28 Navy man: abbr.
29 Name for a stranger
30 Droop
33 Vous —
35 Former
37 H.G. Wells opus
41 Land features
42 Catnap
43 Travel suffix
44 Terms: abbr.
45 Arab wear
48 Seine
49 Performance
50 Reasonable
52 Way beyond the horizon

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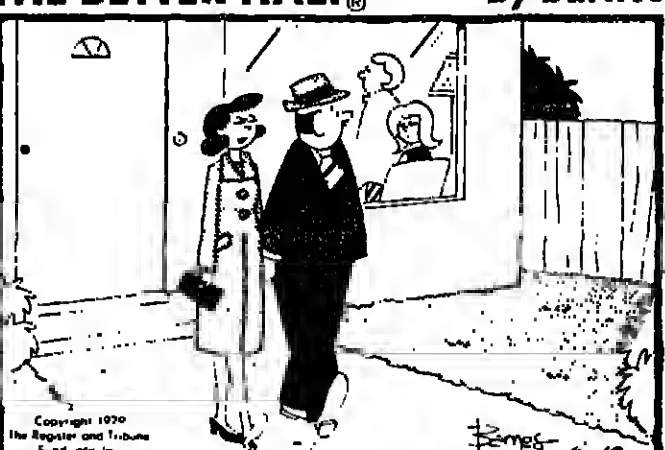
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59 Steak order
60 Comedian Johnson
63 Heavens: comb. form
64 Basic: abbr.
65 Title proof
66 Ulcers
67 Foot items

Like some beverages

29 Parisian pronoun
30 Playwright Neil
31 Fill with wonder
32 Cvet's cousin
34 Knight
35 Draft initials
36 A Knight
38 Sleep: comb. form
39 Upright
40 Office holders
45 — as silk
46 Opera voices
47 Cuckoo
49 Ready for war
51 Plumed bird
52 Discharge
53 Der —
54 Poi source
55 Glacial ridges
56 Angelic headgear
57 Ash, for one
58 Passing fancy
61 Alphabetic letters

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THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



"That pretty blonde complimented me on having such a handsome husband, until I explained that Fred was just an old friend."

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3:

5:30 Quran
5:45 Caruons
6:00 Children's programme
6:30 Cultural programme for children
6:40 Bewitched
7:10 Return to Peyton Place
8:00 News in Arabic
9:00 Arabic Series
10:15 Backstage at the White House
11:30 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 4:

6:30 French programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Comedy
9:10 The Oneida Line
10:00 News in English
10:15 Backstage at the White House

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT:

03:30 The Breakfast Show
06:30 News, Pop music, lectures, history's questions
17:00 News Roundup reports
18:30 Special English, news, opinion, analysis
19:00 Special English, news, lecture "The Making of Nations"
19:30 Now Music USA

19:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis
19:30 VOA Magazine, American, science, culture, letters
20:00 Special English, news
20:15 Music USA (Live)
21:00 VOA World Report
22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analysis

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning show
10:00 News headlines
10:05 Morning show
10:30 Face and Places
11:00 Sign on
12:00 Sign on and news headlines
12:03 Radiotheque
13:00 News summary
13:03 Radiotheque

14:00 News bulletin
14:10 Music
14:30 In Concert
14:50 Concert hour
16:00 News summary
16:05 Easy listening
16:30 Old favourites
17:00 The Boston Pops
18:00 News Summary
18:02 Play of the week
19:00 News bulletin
19:10 News Reports
19:30 Signing off

BBC RADIO

GMT:

04:00 Newscast
04:30 Date with a Disc
04:45 Financial News, Reflection
05:00 News, 24 Hours
05:30 The Spinners
05:45 World Today
06:00 Newscast
06:30 Benny Green's Album Time
07:00 News, 24 Hours
07:30 Date with a Disc
07:45 Report on Religion
08:00 News, Reflections
08:30 News, Press Review
09:15 World Today
09:30 Financial News
09:40 Stock Market
09:45 Offbeat with Braden
10:15 Notable Notebook
10:30 The Aspidochelone Spring Quartet
11:00 News, News about Britain
11:15 Poetry and Music
11:30 Farming World
12:00 Radio Newscast
12:15 30 minute Theatre
12:45 Sports Round-up
1:00 News, 24 hours

13:30 Network U.K.
13:45 Hourly for Hollywood
14:30 Let's Go Lane
15:00 Radio Newscast
15:15 Outlook
16:00 News, Commentary
16:15 On the Street where they Live
16:30 English Song
16:45 World Today
17:00 News Book Choice
17:15 Discovery
17:45 Sports Round-up
18:00 News, News about Britain
18:15 Radio Newscast
18:30 Top Twenty
19:00 Outdoors: News Summary
19:20 Stock Market
19:45 Date with a Disc
20:00 News, 24 Hours
20:30 Portrait of Chinat
21:00 News, U.K.
21:15 International Soccer
22:00 News, World Today
22:25 Book choice, Reflections
22:45 Sports Round-up
23:00 News, Commentary

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:

3:45 Bangkok, Bahrain (RJ/GF)
10:15 Beirut
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)
12:40 Riyadh (SOI)
15:30 New York
16:55 London, Paris
17:30 Madrid, Athens
17:45 Copenhagen, Vienna
18:15 Rome
18:30 Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
19:00 Baghdad (IA)
19:15 Frankfurt
19:45 Beirut (MEA)
20:45 Damascus
20:50 Cairo
01:50 Cairo (EAI)

DEPARTURES:

7:40 Damascus, London (BA)
7:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:00 Frankfurt
9:20 Rome
11:30 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:40 Riyadh, Bahrain (SOI)
18:30 Damascus
19:00 Cairo
20:00 Baghdad (IA)
21:00 Jeddah
21:15 Kuwait
22:30 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ/GF)
22:30 Bahrain
23:50 Bangkok, Bahrain
02:55 Cairo (EAI)

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:

Amman:
Youssef Sammour (25648)
Abdul Salam Al Muhaihi (77733)
Zuhair
Abdul Karim Khassabeh (43022)
Irfid
Omar Gattawi (3515)
Pharmacists:
Al Hikmah (24 hrs 36771)
Samir (36194)
Shadi (256551)
Tadris
Fares (23427)
Al Urdun (23050)
Bakman (44574)
Mihyar (44574)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Amman (Government).....Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue.....24391-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency).....26341-2
Municipal water service (emergency).....77111-3
Police headquarters.....39141
Natchi (emergency patrol (near police)) (English spoken) 24 hours a day in emergency.....71111, 37777
Airport information (ALIA).....75111
Jordan Television.....74124
Radio, English Section.....74124
Fire, fire, police.....191
Fire headquarters.....22900

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre.....Tel. 226-448
Al Shab' Art Gallery.....228-527
American Centre.....557-362
Arab Cultural Centre.....733-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre.....557-901
British Cultural Centre.....333-304
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre.....333-032
French Cultural Centre.....330-894
Kabani Theatre.....222-016
National Museum.....114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre.....225-501
Spanish Cultural Centre.....334-003
Umma Art Gallery.....334-619
Zahayya Public Library.....111-318
West German Cultural Institute.....224-954

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Amulance (Government).....Tel. 90
Chambers of Commerce.....118-339
Electric Power Co. (Iraqi).....223-887
Fire headquarters.....91
Information.....05/97
Municipal water service.....113-500
Time (in Arabic).....99

According to acting NIOC board Iran has signed 35 new contracts for exporting oil

TEHRAN, April 30 (R) — Iran has signed 35 contracts for the export of oil since previous marketing arrangements through a western consortium were terminated, National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) Chairman Hassan Nazih and six acting directors said yesterday.

The total volume of crude oil involved in these sales totalled about 2.5 million barrels a day, according to Marketing Manager Mohammad Azimi, who said NIOC hoped this would rise to about 2.9 million in the near future.

Among the main groups of contracts were agreements with eight international oil giants involving a total of 1.1 million barrels a day.

The companies buying Iranian crude included British Petroleum, Shell, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, Gulf Oil, Exxon, Caltex and Texaco, Mr. Azimi told a press conference.

Most had been members of the consortium through which most of Iran's oil was marketed abroad before the February revolution.

Agreements with 21 independent oil companies from Europe, the United States and Japan accounted for 950,000 barrels per day, and six contracts with governments including Romania, Brazil and the Philippines involved a further 270,000 barrels, Mr. Azimi said. Total sales to Japan were put at 500,000 barrels a day.

Mr. Nazih confirmed that NIOC was seeking about 20 to 30 foreign oil industry experts to work on construction projects in Iran. Talks with contractors were expected to be completed in two to three weeks, they said.

Acting Technical Director Mohammad Ali Narvehg said he saw no problems over the foreigners' security.

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involve some 700,000 barrels per day.

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In the last few weeks, crude oil production has been running at well over four million barrels daily touching 4.7 million at one point, according to NIOC figures. But company officials reported that yesterday's production totalled only about 3.5 million.

Up to March 31, Iran's oil sales had been on spot markets fetching prices of between \$18.70 and \$22.20, Mr. Azimi disclosed.

But he said that since April 1, the oil was being marketed at previously reported figures of \$16.04 a barrel for Iranian heavy crude and \$16.57 for Iranian light.

The officials emphasised that all these sales were on a cash basis, and there were no longer any hard agreements — though these were not excluded as a future possibility.

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Pope names successor to Villot

VATICAN CITY, April 30 (R) — Pope John Paul today named Archbishop Agostino Casaroli as arch-secretary of state, in succession to Vatican Secretary of State French Cardinal Jean Villot, who died in March.

Vatican sources said it was certain that Mr. Casaroli, 64, would be confirmed in the office, the Vatican's equivalent of prime minister, and would be elevated to the rank of Cardinal.

The Vatican constitution laid down by Pope Paul VI decreed that the secretary of state must always be a Cardinal. The sources said this was evidently the reason Mr. Casaroli had not been given the full title at once.

They said the consistory at which he would be invested with the red hat might take place before the Pope's departure for Poland, but the Vatican could not confirm this.

Mr. Casaroli, born in the north Italian city of Piacenza, has been the Vatican's unofficial foreign minister for the past 12 years.

He was widely tipped to become Pope John Paul's secretary of state after the Pope recently entrusted him with a mission to Poland to prepare for the historic Papal visit in June.

A skilful diplomat, fluent in French, English, German and Italian and with a working knowledge of at least five other languages, he is known as a firm supporter of relations between the Vatican and communist states.

This has led traditionalists to denounce him as soft on communism, recalling that it was Archbishop Casaroli who arranged the resignation in 1974 of Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, the violently anti-communist Primate of Hungary.

Mr. Casaroli, a balding figure with a ready smile, is unworried by such charges, stressing that there is no alternative to détente.

London Times abandons plan for overseas edition

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 30 (R) — The London Times, shut down for over five months, admitted defeat yesterday after a weeklong attempt to publish an overseas weekly edition at a West German printing plant.

Times Editor William Rees-Mogg announced overnight picketing by West German unionists that the paper had abandoned plans to print on the presses of a Turkish-language newspaper in Frankfurt. He said criminal violence had prevented publication. The Times management stopped printing in London last November because of a dispute over the introduction of new technology.

Turkish workers mobilised by the West German printers' Union danced in the street outside the suburban printing plant after the union's representative announced through a loudspeaker: "The Times will not be printed here." A crowd of over 100 printers and left-wing activists, both Germans and Turks, joined in singing the May-Day workers hymn "Brothers, to sunshine and freedom." Picketing lasted for a night and a day.

At a press conference, a spokesman for the paper said that during the picketing a petrol-soaked rag was stuffed into an air vent leading into the printing plant. One of The Times staff had been physically assaulted by three persons using a knife and club one evening last week, though there was no evidence this was a politically motivated attack, the spokesman added.

In a statement issued before he flew back to London, Editor Rees-Mogg said: "The police chief advised that any attempt to print would lead to serious violence. He said they would protect the plant but he could not guarantee effective protection of personnel."

All The Times managed to print was 200 incomplete test copies during a dummy run. At the demand of the union these were destroyed and yesterday a union spokesman said The Times had cancelled its contract to print at the Tercueman plant. He said the union had called off its pickets and was informing printing union leaders in Britain opposed to The Times' plan that the action had been successful.

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Sithole submits petition for probe of Rhodesian election

SALISBURY, April 30 (R) — The Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, defeated in Rhodesia's general election, today presented a petition to the ruling Executive Council demanding an independent inquiry to investigate allegations that the election was rigged.

Mr. Sithole is himself a member of the four-man council along with Prime Minister Ian Smith, Prime Minister-elect Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

Mr. Sithole's petition, released to the press, alleged some people voted before the polls officially opened, some voted more than once, some were taken by bus from one electoral district to another and that electoral officials swayed voters in favour of Bishop Muzorewa's party.

The hishop's United African National Council (UANC) won 51 of the 72 black parliamentary seats contested. Mr. Sithole's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) faction won 12.

The Executive Council is due to meet tomorrow and is expected to discuss the petition.

According to Population Crisis Committee One-fourth of pregnancies end in abortion

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) — A survey by an international population study group indicates that one in four pregnancies worldwide ends in abortion, according to a report released yesterday.

The report by the Population Crisis Committee estimated that at least 40 million and perhaps as many as 55 million legal and illegal abortions were performed or induced last year and said the number appears to be growing.

"In most parts of the world, the incidence of abortion is expected to grow as a result of wider preference for smaller families, lack of alternative family planning services and an increase in the number of women of childbearing age," the committee said.

The committee, a privately-

funded U.S. organisation, reported a year ago that sterilisation had become the principle method of birth control in the world. Ms. Cynthia Green, one of the staff members who prepared the latest report, said there were 122 million live births last year and an unknown but relatively small number of spontaneous abortions, or miscarriages, which were not counted in the panel's calculations.

The Soviet Union, Japan and Austria have among the highest abortion rates in the world, the report said. More than half of all pregnancies in those countries end in abortion, compared to about one in four in the United States, India, China, Sweden and Denmark.

The committee explained the high rates in the Soviet Union and

Japan by saying abortions there not only are legal but the two nations "share a heavy historical reliance on abortion as a method of family planning due to the lack of oral contraceptives, IUDs (intrauterine devices) and voluntary sterilisation."

In most of Latin America and Africa, abortion is either strictly illegal or permitted only under very restricted circumstances, such as to save the life of the mother, the committee's survey showed.

The report said such restrictions do not always hold down abortion rates. It said there is at least one abortion for every five live births in Belgium, Burma, Colombia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Portugal and Taiwan, all of which prohibit abortion under any circumstances.

By Mark Webster

New battleground for Belfast

In Belfast the barriers may have come down in the streets, but they are still there in people's minds. The crossfire now is in the prisons, the courts and the newspapers.

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BELFAST — It is easy to distinguish a visitor in the four city of Belfast. They are the only ones who bother to look when a Land-rover full of heavily armed soldiers races through the centre of the town.

Even the casual observer cannot fail to notice the many ways in which the people of Northern Ireland appear to have become immune to the harshness of life after ten years of bloody sectarian violence.

Throughout the province of Ulster, body searches are routine. It is impossible to get into the Bel-

fast shopping centre without being frisked. Shops, cafes, restaurants, cinemas and hotels have security men to carry out checks on everyone going in.

Some clubs and pubs have cameras outside the door so they can monitor people who want to come in.

The main hotel in Belfast, the Europa, is surrounded by a barbed wire fence after 30 bomb attacks made it one of the most dangerous places in the city.

Anyone who talks in Belfast will tell you that despite the fact that during the last ten years more than 2,000 people have been killed, 20,000 injured and millions

of pounds worth of damage has been done, nothing has changed.

"The barriers have come down in the streets but they are still there in people's minds," said a local journalist. Even if the level of street violence has subsided, it does not take much digging to reveal that a strong undercurrent of violence still runs through the province.

There are no longer street battles and no more "no go" areas in the cities. The number of sectarian murders has declined but observers agree that the battlefield has moved while the battle has not abated. The crossfire now is in the prisons, the courts and the newspapers, they say. The ammunition is words and bitter sentiments.

As though to underline this bitterness, a report on alleged police brutality in Northern Ireland's prisons was published at the same time as journalists paid their first visit to the notorious H block in the Maze gaol.

The reports of H block spoke of the incredible filth in which 375

protestors, most of them Provisional IRA, have chosen to live.

The men refuse to co-operate with the prison authorities to support their demand for special political status.

They wear no uniforms and do not cut their hair or wash. The walls of the cells are smeared with the men's own excrement and they pour the urine from their pots over the floor. The visiting journalists were appalled at the squalor.

The authorities have refused adamantly to consider IRA suspects as political prisoners. Nonetheless, they are worried at the propaganda being made out of the conditions in H block, especially in the United States.

Their fear is that funds will start to pour in from sympathisers if the H block demonstration continues. That would allow the IRA to restart an extensive campaign of violence and boost their morale.

The same is said of recent reports on alleged police brutality in Northern Ireland's gaols. The Northern Ireland Office received



RHODESIA — Black Rhodesians turned out in large numbers for the recent vote leading to black-majority rule. This photo shows long lines at a polling station in Highfield township near Salisbury. (Gamma photo)

Young lawyer looks certain to replace Ecuador's 3-man junta

QUITO, Ecuador, April 30 (R) — Lawyer Jaime Roldos today appeared certain to become the youngest elected ruler in the history of Latin America after general elections in Ecuador.

With half the votes counted, the 38-year-old left-of-centre candidate had won 66.5 per cent of the ballot, according to unofficial results.

This compared with only 27.7 per cent for his conservative opponent Sixto Duran, who is backed by the ruling military junta. Official results are not expected for several weeks.

If Mr. Roldos is confirmed as victor, he will take over from the three-man junta on August 10, Ecuador's independence day, to become the country's first civilian ruler for seven years.

The polling appeared to have reflected a deep desire for social change in the nation, where a seven-year oil boom has not improved the lot of the country's poor.

Mr. Roldos scored a landslide victory in his home town of Guayaquil, Ecuador's industrial capital on the Pacific coast and a stronghold of his party, the (CPF).

But more surprisingly, he also appeared to have beaten his 57-year-old, Boston-born opponent in every other major city, including Quito and the traditionally conservative Andean towns of Cuenca and Loja to the south.

Mr. Duran had been expected to win in this fast-expanding capital city of 700,000 people, where he was an efficient mayor for

seven years.

Interior Minister Admiral Victor Graces pledged last night on television that the armed forces would hand over power to the official winner in August and praised his countrymen for the peaceful way in which the poll took place.

Some two million people — those literate and over 18 — took part in the poll. They were also electing a vice-president and the 69 members of the house of representatives.

Early returns in the con-

gressional elections also indicated a desire for change. The conservative and Liberal Parties, which have hitherto dominated the country's political life, suffered severe setbacks.

Mr. Oswaldo Hurtado, a Christian democrat lawyer and social scientist, was elected vice-president.

Interviewed on television, Mr. Roldos pledged to work for social justice and freedom alongside economic development.

Third World journalist

calls for establishment

of world press institute

ATHENS, Ohio, April 30 (AP) — Third World journalist O.R. Mankekar, speaking at a session on press coverage in developing nations, has called for the establishment of a world press institute under the auspices of UNESCO.

He said yesterday that such an institute would foster high standards of journalism in the international arena, correct the imbalance of news flow, and act as a watchdog or ombudsman at the international level.

Mr. Mankekar, head of the 86-member non-aligned nations press pool, also called for the development of an international code of conduct and ethics for journalists.

The former editor of the Indian Express and general manager of the Times Group of India drew criticism from Western news executives Gerald Long and Keith Fuller.

Mr. Long, managing editor of the London-based Reuters News Service, said codes of conduct and world institutes were likely to be pushed by those who wish to restrict the flow of information.

Mr. Mankekar's statement that the Third World nations were rebelling against the Western concept of the free flow of information in favour of a "free and balanced flow" was attacked by Mr. Long.

"No society has the right to control the flow of news," Mr. Long said, "and no international agreement could order the formless sprawl that is international communication. You might as well try to reform an oak tree or a camel. International communication is organic, not architecture to be tinkered with."

Mr. Fuller, president and gen-

eral manager of the Associated Press, said the A.P. did not have a double standard of emphasising Western news and downplaying the Third World.

"We'll go anywhere in the world for a story," he said, "but we won't pick up a phone to take propaganda."

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World News Briefs

Northern Italy hit by multiple bomb attacks

VENICE, Italy, April 30 (R) — Venice and surrounding towns hit by at least 20 bomb attacks during the night and these stations were seriously damaged. Police said there were no casualties in the attacks and none of Italy's urban guerrilla groups had claimed responsibility. At Padua, the police station was bombed, an attempt was made to set a newspaper office on fire. At Rome, shots were fired and petrol bombs thrown at the homes of a magistrate and a member of the security police. In Venice itself, a police station was seriously damaged by a powerful explosion and a small town of Camposampiero an office of the Christian Democracy Party was damaged by a fire bomb. Police are currently investigating the activities in Padua of the Red Brigades guerrilla group, which carried out last year's kidnap-murder of former premier Aldo Moro.

Shah would not be welcome in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, April 30 (R) — The Shah of Iran would not be welcome in New Zealand, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman today. He was commenting on a report in the current issue of